

To: Medicare Fee-For-Service (FFS) Providers and Suppliers

MEDICARE PROVIDER FEEDBACK TOWN HALL MEETING

September 12, 2005

2:00 - 4:00 PM EST

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) would like to request your participation in a Town Hall meeting on September 12, 2005, from 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM (Eastern Standard Time). The meeting will be held in the auditorium at the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, 7500 Security Boulevard, Baltimore, Maryland 21244 and by teleconference. The purpose of the meeting is to solicit the opinions of individual Medicare FFS physicians, providers and suppliers. The meeting will provide the Agency with an open and public venue to interact with individual Medicare providers and suppliers and obtain their feedback on a variety of Medicare policy and operational issues. All providers and suppliers that participate in the Medicare program, including physicians, hospitals, home health agencies, and other third-party billers, are invited to attend this meeting.

The agenda items for the meeting will be available in the August 26, 2005 Federal Register Notice announcing the meeting. CMS will also hold a question and answer session that offers meeting participants an opportunity to provide feedback, as well as make suggestions regarding how this process can be improved.

Meeting Registration Details

Registration for the meeting will open on **August 19, 2005**. Individuals interested in attending the meeting and providing feedback, either in person or by teleconference, must complete the on-line registration located at <http://registration.mshow.com/cms2/>. The on-line registration system will capture contact information and practice characteristics, such as names, email addresses, and provider/supplier types. Registered participants may be contacted for follow-up meetings to solicit additional opinions and clarify any issues that may arise during the September 12 Town Hall meeting.

The on-line registration system will generate a confirmation page to indicate the completion of your registration. Please print this page as your registration receipt. We encourage you to complete your registration as soon as possible. Registration after 12 p.m. on September 9, 2005 will delay confirmation and you may not be permitted entrance to the building. However, registrations received after September 9, 2005 will enable individuals to listen to a digital audio recording of the meeting. The digital audio recording will be available hours after the meeting and can be accessed through midnight on September 14, 2005 by dialing 1-800-642-1687 and entering the Conference ID 7970566.

Meeting Participation Details

The meeting will be held in a Federal Government building; therefore all persons attending the meeting in person will be required to show a photographic identification, preferably a valid driver's license, and be listed on an approved security list before entering.

Those participating by teleconference should dial: **1-877-357-7851** and enter the **Conference ID: 7970566**.

Note: TTY Communications Relay Services are available for the Hearing Impaired. For TTY services dial 7-1-1 or 1-800-855-2880, and for Internet Relay services visit <http://www.consumer.att.com/relay/which/index.html>. A Relay Communications Assistant will be available to assist you.

Additional Questions/Information

For questions or additional information about the Medicare Provider Feedback Town Hall Meeting, please send an email to MFG@cms.hhs.gov.